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December, 1908.

1.....5101 16.....5159

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5.....5139 20.....5117

6.....5117 21.....5110

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8.....5111 23.....5101

9.....5114 24.....5093

10.....5146 25.....5108

11.....5136 26.....5093

12.....5137 27.....5103

13.....5157 28.....5103

Total.....123,271

Average for December, 1908... 5126

Average for December, 1907... 3819

Increase.....1307

Personally appeared before me

this Jan. 1, 1909, R. D. MacMillen,

business manager of The Sun, who

affirms that the above statement of

the circulation of The Sun for the

month of December, 1908, is true to

the best of his knowledge and belief.

My commission expires January

10, 1912.

PETER PURYEAR,

Notary Public McCracken Co.

Daily Thought.

Go on and make errors and fail

and get up again. Only go on!

Brackett.

Election returns continue to come

in from the school board.

Nan Grogan told the jury what had

become of her money without having

her hand crossed with silver.

We judge from this distance that

all congressmen are not content with

the president's message, but they are

satisfied.

Cherry street, Owensboro, was

raided Monday. It must be named

for one of those cherries you find

after drinking a cocktail.

Harry Thaw's mother says her son

is now sane. Probably cured by the

peace and rest he has enjoyed since

his incarceration.

Tenth street should be opened full

width all the way from Broadway

south. It is used now by the cabs

part of the way up town, and if properly

made into a boulevard, would be the

natural route for cabs returning

from the Union station. It is one of

the city streets which should be im-

proved for the benefit of that proverb-

ial "first impression."

Senator Cox, of Tennessee, proposes

more drastic laws against "pistol to-

been made brighter by it; and the care of him, no doubt, has enabled his mother to keep her mind off the sad loss she sustained in the death of her late lamented husband.

THE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL.

Without considering possible local

difficulties, as a general observation

it would seem that the county and

city would be wasting substance by

maintaining two High schools, as the

cap sheet of the common school sys-

tem, when, by combining, they might

secure one institution centrally locat-

ed, that would be better than any

school either alone could maintain.

Of course, there are questions of

administration and conflicts of au-

thority; but they are easily solved.

If politics is left out of the question.

Let the city maintain the school, as

at present constituted, and let the

county pay its proportion toward

maintaining the High school. We

know full well that McCracken county

will not afford a High school the

equal of Paducah's high school for

many decades to come, and we as-

sume that the education of the chil-

dren of the county is the first and last

consideration in the building of a

High school.

Differences in qualification for

the promotion between city and

rural schools can soon be overcome

by providing an examination for coun-

try common school pupils, which, if

they pass, will admit them to the

High school. No system can ever be

devised to make a High school fit the

lower grades. The lower grades

must be developed as preparatory to

the High school.

As far as location is concerned, all

roads lead to Paducah. Wherever

the county High school is located

pupils will have to travel some dis-

tance to it. They could travel to Pa-

ducah as well as anywhere else. Here

they would find conveniences they

could not find elsewhere. Those who

desire to could live here during the

school year.

It will be cheaper for the county to

pay its share towards maintaining

the city high school, than to go to the

expense of building a High school

and employing competent teachers to

instruct the pupils. If the county

High school doesn't seek college men

and women for its instructors, it will

be the sorriest joke the officials ever

played on the taxpaying public to in-

stitute that county High school. If

the county does employ college

graduates, it will prove a right ex-

pensive proposition to maintain.

It is difficult for the lay mind to

grasp the fact that curb operations

are often unbridled.

A Rome correspondent tells of a

family of naked refugees in Messina

who refused to leave, their ruined

home for a ship because they had no

umbrella. Why does a paper want to

send a comic opera librettist to write

up such a horror as the Italian earth-

quake?

Abe Patrick hopes to be freed from

prison through the deathbed confes-

sion of Valet Jones. Maybe Abe and

Jones entered into a compact that the

one who died first should make a

confession, exonerating the other. The

Standard Oil company of Indiana and

the Republic Oil and Gas company

might take that suggestion.

SOME STORIES

AROUND TOWN.

"Business good?" ejaculated a

saloon keeper today when queried

about his business today. "Business

good and the water wagon just

crowded worse than a street car in

New York? Of course, we fellows

had our end of the fun before Christ-

mas, and had heavy sales all during

the holidays, but when January 1

rolled around nearly all of my cus-

tomers swore off. How long the resolu-

tions will last is various, as already

a few of my old standbys have

sneaked in and hurriedly gulped

down a drink before somebody

would catch him and demand the

payment of the bet. It will not sur-

prise me in the least to see business

dull all of January, but by February

the trade will begin to return and

the resolutions will have been broken

for another year."

Police Captain Frank Harlan is

the historian of the city departments,

and whenever a question arises over

some deed of former days in connec-

tion with the history of the city it is

laid before Captain Harlan. Captain

Harlan has been in Paducah since a

lad, and has seen the city grow from

a village to the metropolis of the

Purchase.

One night during the holidays a

Christmas tree was given by one of

the Sunday schools. As old Santa

FLEET HASTENS TOWARD NAPLES

Will Offer Services to Officials of That Port.

Five Battleships Will Steam at 14 Knots an Hour Until Destination is Reached.

WILL PROBABLY BE SATURDAY

Port Said, Jan. 7.—The itinerary of the American battleship fleet under Rear Admiral Sperry has been changed in consequence of the Italian earthquake. The new program is as follows:

The battleships Connecticut, as the flagship of the fleet, the Vermont and Minnesota will leave here at midnight direct for Naples. Steaming at the rate of 14 knots an hour, the Connecticut will arrive next Saturday. The other two vessels will follow, making the best speed they can. Upon arriving at Naples, Admiral Sperry will confer with the city officials and offer the services of the vessels at his command.

The three vessels possibly may visit Ville Franche later. The Georgia, the Nebraska, the New Jersey and the Rhode Island will proceed for Marseilles as soon as they have sailed.

Will Go to Algiers.

The Louisiana and the Virginia, after coaling, will leave here for Beirut Syria, where they will remain about one week. They will then join the Missouri and the Ohio at Smyrna. The Missouri and the Ohio will go from here to Athens, arriving about January 12. From Greece they will go to Salonika, European Turkey, arriving January 19, and staying for two days. These two vessels will then go to Smyrna, where they are due January 22.

Here they will meet the Louisiana and the Virginia.

The Wisconsin, the Illinois and the Kearsarge, after coaling, will proceed to Malta, where they will remain for four or five days. They will then go to Algiers.

The Kentucky, after a visit of two days at Tripoli, will go to Algiers and join the Wisconsin, the Illinois and the Kearsarge.

Rendezvous at Negro Bay.

All the warships will rendezvous at Negro Bay, Morocco, February 1. They will reassemble February 9 at Gibraltar and sail for home on scheduled time. They are due at Hampton Roads February 22.

No receptions to the officers of the fleet will be given here.

OLD TRAFFIC MANAGER

WITNESS AGAINST TRUST.

Chicago, Jan. 7.—The United States district attorney entered the opening wedge in the actual beef trust testimony when F. A. Spink was called before the grand jury and was questioned for almost an hour. Spink until last October was the traffic manager for the National Packing company, the corporation which the government believes is the clearing house through which the meat monopoly operates. It is believed that the government tried to show through him that millions of pounds of meat bought for the National Packing company is in fact bought for the big packers to whom it is delivered after the shipments reach Chicago addressed to the National.

The revival service in progress at the Mechanicburg Methodist church is growing in interest. A large congregation for the extreme cold night heard the Rev. Mr. Jones deliver a forcible sermon last evening from Matthew 1:21. There was one addition to the church services every day at 2 p. m. and 7:15 p. m. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

some of his friends, on his rounds yesterday, if they knew of any one who wanted to buy a gas range.

"Why, you are a nice one. Why don't you advertise it in your paper?" some one fired at him.

"I never thought of that," he replied, "but I certainly will."

He wrote the ad. and also took one from one in the little circle of folk in the crowd. The ads. were inserted yesterday, and today both had over a dozen replies.

The moral is dead easy—if you have something you don't want, or want something you have not, advertise in The Sun's want columns.

Kentucky Kernels

Nineteen escape from West Point jail.

Christmas stamps sales at Lexington 23,119.

Clarence Lebus, Equity head, receives \$5,000.

William Douglas killed in a "blind tiger" at Jackson.

Parrish brothers insist their Owensboro bank was solvent.

The store and residence of John Gardner, near Smith's Grove, burned.

Warren county, one of the most extensive male markets in the state.

The board of control of the Warren County Tobacco Growers' association has purchased a cleaner.

Dr. A. J. Beale, Confederate member of the Kentucky legislature, first mayor of Oklahoma City, died at Cynthia.

Sophy of Kravonia.

By ANTHONY HOPE.
Author of "The Prisoner of Zenda."
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(Continued from Last Issue)

The king's body lay on the bed recently disposed and covered with a large fur rug. Lepage sat on a chair near by. Natcheff on another in the window. Both looked up for a moment as Markart entered, but neither spoke. Markart found a third chair and sat down. Nobody said anything. The three were as silent and almost as still as the fourth on the bed. A low murmur of voices came from the next room. The words were indistinguishable. So passed half an hour. A strange and terrible half hour it seemed to Markart.

The door opened, and Stafnitz called Natcheff. The physician rose and followed him. Another twenty minutes went by, still in silence, but once Markart, looking for a moment at his mute companion, saw a tear rolling slowly down Lepage's wrinkled cheek. Lepage saw him looking and broke the silence:

"I suppose I helped to kill him?"

Markart shrugged his shoulders helplessly. Silence came again. Very long it seemed; but, on looking at his watch, Markart found that it was not yet half past 6.

Again the door opened, and Stafnitz called to them both. They followed him into the next room. Stafnitz was sitting at the table, with his hands clasped on it in front of him. Stafnitz took up a position by his side, standing as though on duty. Natcheff had disappeared. Stafnitz spoke in calm, deliberate tones. He seemed to have assumed command of the operations again.

"Captain Markart, I'm about to intrust to you an important and responsible duty. For the next twenty-four hours and afterward until relieved by my orders you will be in charge of this man Lepage and will detain him in these apartments. His own room and this room will be at the disposal of yourself and your prisoner, but you must not let the prisoner out of your sight. Dr. Natcheff remains in his room. He will have access to the king's room when he desires, but he will not leave the suit of apartments. Beyond seeing to this you will have no responsibility for him. The door leading to the suit will be locked by me and will be opened only by me or by my orders. I remain at the palace tonight. Under me Captain Sterkoff will be the officer on guard. He will himself supply you with any meals or other refreshments which you may require. Ring this hand bell on the table—no other bell, mind—and he will be with you immediately. Do you understand your orders?"

Markart understood them very well. There was no need of Stafnitz's mocking little smile to point the meaning. Markart was to be Lepage's jailer; Stafnitz was to be his. Under the most civil and considerate form he was made as close a prisoner as the man he guarded. Evidently Stafnitz had come to the conclusion that he could not ask Markart to put too great a strain on his conscience. The general, however, seemed very kindly disposed toward him and was, indeed, almost apologetic.

"I've every hope that this responsible and, I fear, very irksome duty may last only the few hours I mentioned. You put me under a personal obligation by undertaking it, my dear Markart."

In the absence of any choice Mark